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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] The cap 41 is fitted to the end of the tube 31 next to the first chamber 36 to be coupled with the tube 31. In this case, a handle 45 extends from the cap 41 to facilitate a user to grab the cap 41 with ease. And, at least one ~~sealing~~ seal 46 is provided on an outer circumference of the cap 41. The ~~sealing~~ seal 46 prevents water from leaking when the cap 41 is coupled with the tube 31.

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] The body 42 extends from the cap 41 toward the opening 35. For instance, the body 42 has a shape of a multiply-bent plate. And, a multitude of apertures 43 perforate the body ~~242~~.

Please replace paragraph [0042] with the following amended paragraph:

[0042] And, the hole 44, as shown in FIG. 2 and FIG. 3, is ~~provides~~ provided on a side of the body 42 to confront the opening 35 of the filter case 30. Hence, water flowing into the first chamber 36 via the inlet 32 passes through the apertures 43 and hole ~~43 and~~ 44 of the body 42, the opening 35 of the filter case 30, and the second chamber 37 to be discharged outside via the outlet 33.

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Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] First of all, once the motor 15 is actuated to rotate the impeller 16, the water, which is contaminated or dirty, in the tube (not shown in the drawing) and the drum 12 flows into the first chamber 36 via the inlet 32. The water in the first chamber 36 then passes through the apertures 43 of the body 42 so that particles including lint and the like involved in the water fails to pass through the apertures 43 to be filtered. In this case, the particles failing to pass through the apertures ~~are normally~~ 43 remain attached to the body 42.

Please replace paragraph [0048] with the following amended paragraph:

[0048] Moreover, the body 42 of the filter assembly according to the first embodiment of the present invention has such a complicated shape. Hence, the cap 41 and body ~~41 and 42~~ are separately fabricated into two pieces, ~~whereby and~~ the cap 41 is coupled ~~with to~~ the body 42 ~~to~~ during use. A plurality of molds are required to manufacture the filter ~~as well as~~, requiring a complicated manufacturing process, ~~whereby thus decreasing productivity decreases and~~ increasing product cost increases.

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following amended paragraph:

[0057] The cap 51, as shown in FIG. 5, is fitted into the tube 31 of the filter case 30 to be contacted with the first chamber 36. In this case, a handle 55, as shown in FIG. 5, may extend

from one side of the cap 51 to facilitate a user to grab the cap 51 for fitting to the tube 31. And, at least one ~~sealing seal~~ 56, as shown in FIG. 4 and FIG. 5, can be provided on an outer circumference of the cap 51. When the cap 51 is fitted into the tube 31 to be fixed, the ~~sealing~~ seal 56 prevents the water in the first chamber 36 from leaking outside.

Please replace paragraph [0058] with the following amended paragraph:

[0058] The shaft 52 extends from the cap 5251 toward the opening 35. Preferably, such a shaft 52, as shown in FIG. 4, is disposed along a central axis of the tube 31 of the filter case 30.

Please replace paragraph [0064] with the following amended paragraph:

[0064] The whirling water moves toward the opening 35. In this case, a centrifugal force drives the particle-free water to move in a circumferential direction of the whirl, and drives the particles to move in a central direction of the whirl. Hence, the plate 53 prevents the particles located in the central area of the whirl from flowing ~~into~~ through the opening 35 so that the particles remain in the first chamber 36, whereas the water in the circumferential area of the whirl flows ~~in toward~~ the opening 35 ~~through via~~ the gap. ~~At this moment, if~~ If the plate and opening 53 and 35 are formed circular, ~~it is able to accelerate formation of the while~~ whirl may be accelerated.